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CAMBODIA: Lon Nol apparently has moved to restore relations with former prime minister delegate Sirik Matak.

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[redacted] the president has promoted Matak to full general and has persuaded him to accept the posts of "chief delegate of the armed forces" and "chairman of the armed forces chiefs of staff." Despite his acceptance, Matak apparently is still smarting over Lon Nol's recent failure to support him more strongly in the face of student attacks on his performance in the preceding government. It is still not clear what real powers and responsibilities Matak will exercise, but his reappearance in the government will not sit well with student agitators in Phnom Penh.

Lon Nol has finally taken some action to try to dampen the three-week-old student unrest. The first of a series of government-organized demonstrations to counter the student agitation and to promote greater popular support for the regime was held in the capital yesterday.

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The students themselves still seem divided over the need for sustaining criticism of the government. Activist student leaders at the Faculty of Law apparently want to continue protesting, but more moderate student elements are inclined to suspend such activity temporarily in order to give Lon Nol a chance to follow through on his recently announced intention to promulgate a new constitution.

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SUDAN: The peace agreement ratified yesterday, officially marking the end of the 16-year-old southern Sudan rebellion, will be difficult to implement.

The government and a number of factions of the rebel movement had pressed hard for early ratification of the provisional document signed in Addis Ababa late last month. Prior to signing the pact, however, rebel chieftain Joseph Lagu was subjected to conflicting pressures; [REDACTED]

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The details of the pact have not been published, and it is unclear what compromises, if any, were worked out. President Numayri was determined to reach an agreement [REDACTED]

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Unless Lagu was able to resolve the major objections raised by the various rebel factions, recalcitrant Anya-Nya chieftains may seek to sabotage the settlement. In any case, both sides will have to overcome bitterness and suspicions hardened during a generation of fighting if the cease-fire is to be nurtured into an enduring resolution of the conflict.

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